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House Resolution No. 796

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State educational programs that successfully strive to provide students with the opportunity to obtain the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to become lifelong learners, involved citizens, and future societal leaders; and

Whereas, a Spelling Bee Exposition will be held on Friday, February 29, 2008, at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Law School Courtroom; and

Whereas, the Spelling Bee Exposition has been underwritten since 2006 as a collaborative effort between the Kansas City School District, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Education, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, and University of Missouri-Kansas City Alumni Association's Minority Affairs Committee; and

Whereas, the overall goals of the Spelling Bee Exposition are to present urban African American children to a world-class institution of higher education located within the boundaries of the metropolitan area and to dispel myths associated with perceived lack of progress and underachievement by African American students; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of such important Show-Me State educational institutions as those sponsoring the 2008 African Centered Spelling Bee:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the work and accomplishments associated with the Spelling Bee Exposition program and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they participate in the 2008 African Centered Spelling Bee at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Law School Courtroom; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the African Centered Spelling Bee in Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by Representative Craig Bland

Representative Craig Bland District No. 43

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 796, adopted February 25, 2008.